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SUMMARY: THIS CABLE IS THE SECOND AND CONCLUDING PART
OF USUN 624 SUMMARIZING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE 18TH
SESSION OF THE UN POPULATION COMMISSION. END SUMMARY.

15. ASST SYG SIPILA IN PREPARED STATEMENT: 1) THANKED
COMMISSION FOR ACTIONS RE ROLE OF WOMEN IN WPPA; 2) PAID
TRIBUTE TO DRAPER AS PRINCIPAL IMPETUS BEHIND WOMEN'S
FORUM WHICH HAD LARGE IMPACT ON WPC; 3) RECITED GOALS
OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR AND CONFERENCE; 4) AFFIRMED
IMPLEMENTATION WPPA IMPORTANT.

16. OBSERVER PORTUGAL REQUESTED LIBERAL POLICIES RE
ACCEPTANCE AND TREATMENT MIGRANTS. SAID ONE-FOURTH
PORTUGUESE POPULATION LIVES OUTSIDE PORTUGAL. ASKED
THAT GOVERNMENT RECEIVING MIGRANTS ASSURE THEIR WELL BEING
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AND CALLED FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL BODY TO MONITOR

HUMAN RIGHTS WORLDS MIGRANTS. PORTUGAL RECOMMENDATION SUPPORTED GENERALLY BY MOROCCO, TUNISIA, ECUADOR. HOWEVER, BRAZIL AND FRANCE REPRESENTATIVES WHILE SYMPATHETIC SAID THEY COULD NOT SUPPORT NEW AGENCY. PORTUGAL THEN WITHDREW ITS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL AND AS ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTED MOBILIZATION EXISTING UN BODIES.

17. TABAH OPENED DISCUSSION RE IMPLICATIONS WPC AND WPPA FOR UN LEGISLATIVE BODIES. COMMISSION IDENTIFIED THREE ROLES FOR ITSELF; A) PROGRAMMING OF WORK AND REVIEWING PROGRESS OF WORK; B) MONITORING OF TRENDS AND POLICIES; C) REVIEW AND APPRAISAL.

18. CHANDRASEKARAN (INDIA) ARGUED POPCOM SHOULD BE RETAINED AS ADVISORY BODY TO ECOSOC AND RECOMMENDED TO ECOSOC THAT IT REVIEW POPULATION SUBJECT AT ITS SUMMER SESSION EACH YEAR. ASSERTED SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SHOULD FUND POPULATION ACTIVITIES OUT OF OWN RESOURCES, NOT DRAW ON UNFPA WHICH NEEDS FUNDS FOR ASSISTANCE TO NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS. SAUVY (FRANCE) SAID IF POPCOM WERE CONVERTED TO STANDING COMMITTEE EFFECT WOULD BE TO ABOLISH IT JUST WHEN ITS MOST IMPORTANT WORK WAS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. LINDENBERG (BRAZIL) AGREED, BOSERUP SUPPORTED POPCOM'S CONTINUATION WITH SAME FUNCTION AND SIZE. THORSSEN (SWEDEN) DECLARED SWEDISH VIEWS WERE TENTATIVE AND OPEN PERSUASION. BELIEVED MANDATE POPCOM SHOULD REMAIN ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED AND ECOSOC SHOULD ASSUME POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR POPULATION MATTERS AND CONSIDER SUBJECT ANNUALLY. SAID POPCOM SHOULD BE MULTIDISCIPLINARY IN CAPACITY. TENTATIVELY CONCLUDED POPCOM COULD NOT AT THIS SESSION PROFITABLY FORMULATE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS. CALLED FOR POPCOM TO SET UP AN OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION BEYOND 18TH POPCOM SESSION AND EVENTUALLY FORMULATE AND FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO ECOSOC. SAID POPCOM AT THIS SESSION SHOULD RECOMMEND TO ECOSOC THAT POPCOM BE GIVEN SAME INTERGOVERNMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOLLOW-UP OF WPPA IT HAD HAD RE PREPARATIONS FOR WPC. THIS WOULD REQUIRE ONE OR MORE UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS OF POPCOM.

19. CLAXTON (US) FIRMLY REJECTED SUGGESTION FOR INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP, DECLARING POPCOM WAS MAKING PROGRESS AND CAPABLE FORMULATING NECESSARY RECOMMENDATIONS THIS SESSION. UK SUPPORTED US VIEW WITHOUT EXCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF WORKING GROUP. BRAZIL OPPOSED IDEA ECOSOC BE ASKED CONSIDER POPULATION EACH YEAR ON

GROUND WOULD GET TOO LITTLE ATTENTION IF TAKEN UP ANNUALLY. REMINDED POPCOM OF GROUP RECENTLY APPOINTED CONSIDER BEST ORGANIZATION FOR UN BODIES. ISUPOV (RUSSIA) SUPPORTED BRAZIL'S OPPOSITION TO ANNUAL CONSIDERATION POPULATION MATTER BY ECOSOC. JAPAN SAW NO REASON CHANGE PRESENT STATUS POPCOM. CLAXTON POINTED OUT THAT ECOSOC CURRENTLY ALREADY RECEIVES REPORTS EACH YEAR FROM IBRD, UNDP, UNFPA, WHO, FAO, UNESCO, UNICEF, ETC. AND PRESENTLY HAS UNDER REVIEW VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES RE HOW IT CAN BETTER ARRANGE ITS HEAVY WORK LOAD WITH INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS, ONE OF THE ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED. ASKAR (EGYPT) SUPPORTED CONTINUATION PRESENT STATUS FOR POPCOM AS DID ECUADOR AND PERU CAUSING CHAIRMAN TO SUGGESTED POPCOM NEAR CONSENSUS ON DESIRE RETAIN ITS PRESENT STATUS AS A FUNCTIONAL COMMISSION OF ECOSOC.

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